

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 23, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Youth and Children's Pastor, Ruth Maynard- Impact Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Mr. Pettit made a motion to nominate Chrissy Barron for Vice President for calendar year 2018. Ms. LaMarca seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The Town of Merrillville recognized Pediatric & Family Dentistry with a Commitment of Excellence Award for the most appealing facade for the month of January. Mr. Guernsey presented a plaque to Pediatric & Family Dentistry in recognition of this honor; he also complimented the establishment on what a nice job they had done decorating the building.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated January 23, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2018. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mrs. Barron had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac addressed Mr. Spires on the progress of a home on Wilson Place where trash and furniture was left outside the home. Mr. Spires has stated that the home owner rented the home out and the renters left the trash. Code Enforcement has been notified and they have contacted the home owner that a ticket will be issued if trash is not picked up. Discussion followed.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca referred to Jan Orlich for a report. Ms. Orlich had a couple of announcements the Parks Department is sponsoring Route 66 Tour on May 31 in addition to a Chicago Cubs v/s Pittsburgh Pirates game June 8. Ms. Orlich said plans for the Summer Concert has begun, she also reported that the solar bench is on its way from Florida for the bike trail. Ms. Orlich said Lake County Parks is asking for support from all Parks Department in the Lake County area for the Crossroads Marathon which will be held on May 27.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Barron had no report.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no report.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no report.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES:

President Hardaway reported that at the next Town Council meeting they will have information on all the properties that have Tax Certificates. Mr. Hardaway also complimented new attorney Joe Svetanoff on an excellent job he has done thus far. We are going to have all properties acquired that are needed. Announcement will be made in February at the Town Council meeting.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

None

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, January 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Abandoned Blighted Properties Commission meeting January 25, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Police Commission meeting, February 2, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Stormwater Management Board Meeting, February 6, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Plan Commission workshop Meeting February 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Council meeting February 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Workshop meeting February 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Minchuk made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer